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**G.W. ANNOUNCES PLANS TO DEVELOP CAMPUS FACILITIES
IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

The George Washington University plans to develop a comprehensive center for instruction and research in Loudoun County, Virginia, President Lloyd H. Elliott has announced. Located overlooking the Potomac River, The George Washington University's Northern Virginia Center campus will be part of a tract of 576 acres, to be developed as a research and development park.

"We believe this is an exciting step and an extension of the University's traditional mission to offer our academic programs at convenient locations throughout the region, while maintaining our main campus in downtown Washington," President Elliott said.

A gift to the University of 50 acres of land on the old Bles Farm property, located 11 miles west of Tyson's Corner and six miles north of Dulles Airport on Route 7 in Loudoun County, will provide the opportunity to create the first phase of a comprehensive center in Northern Virginia. Under current planning, classes will be offered at this new GW site by fall semester 1989.

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The developer, a joint venture between the Charles E. Smith Companies and Michael Swerdlow, recently purchased the Bles Farm property and will develop the remainder of the overall site. The Smith organization, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, is a major developer of large integrated, mixed-use complexes in the Washington metropolitan area.

GW will also participate in the development of research and development properties in the balance of the 576 acre tract. The University will apply any proceeds received from its participation to further develop the Loudoun campus. GW will also have the option of expanding its campus acreage in the park.

In the first phase of development, the University will offer programs from its professional schools and continuing education division that will especially benefit the managerial and technical personnel of high technology firms in the area. In future years, as demands emerge and resources permit, the University will offer additional regular academic programs at the Northern Virginia Center.

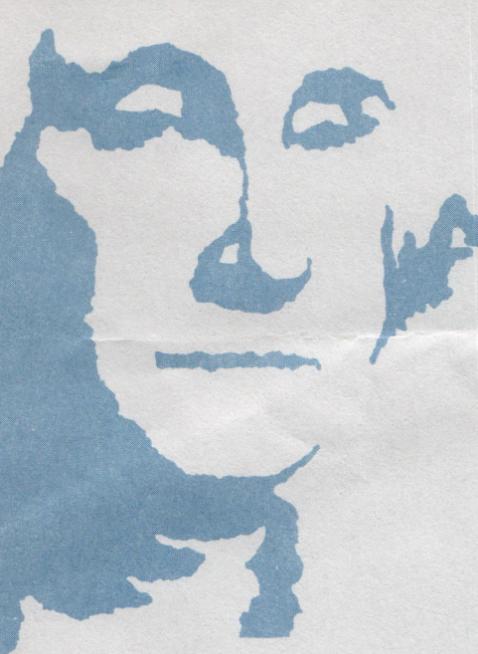
A major portion of the initial University facility will accommodate graduate instruction and research under the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). Plans call for approximately 70,000 square feet for classrooms, research laboratories and support services for 500 students and 20 professional staff members.

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By the end of the first five years, the University anticipates a possible expansion of the center to approximately 200,000 square feet. Long range projections provide for expanding to the maximum permitted on the site.

The Northern Virginia campus will provide unique educational and research programs to furnish industry with a solid base for applied research. The education programs will provide students with experience in working with industry related research. Corporations with offices and research laboratories in the park will have an opportunity to work with the University in joint research projects of mutual interest, and the University will be better able to provide the educational programs required by industry.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALENDAR REMINDER

S.D.I. DIRECTOR TO APPEAR AT G.W., APRIL 15

WHO: Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, director of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Organization

WHAT: Abrahamson will speak on "Strategic Defense Initiative -- the Scientific Challenge." His talk will explore fundamental scientific and engineering questions that may aid in developing new technologies for strengthening defense.

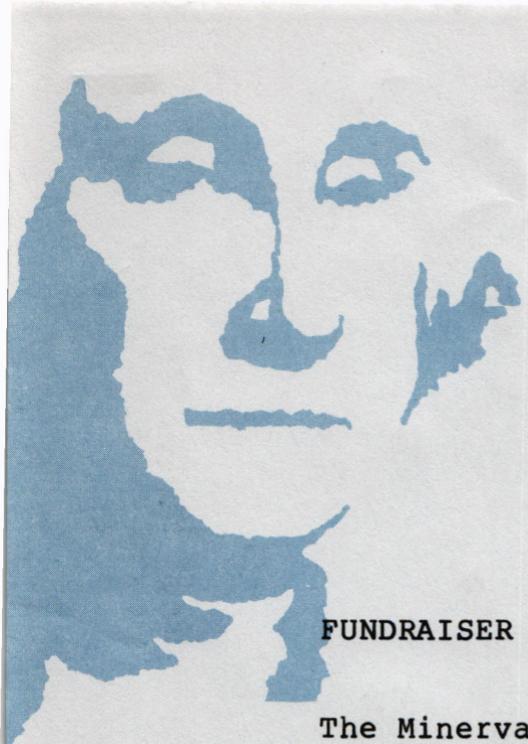
WHEN: 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15

WHERE: The George Washington University
Lisner Auditorium
730 21st Street, NW

THE LECTURE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call GW Alumni Relations, 676-6435

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FUNDRAISER TO LAUNCH WOMEN'S MILITARY STUDIES CENTER

The Minerva Center for Women's Military Studies will sponsor a fund-raising reception and dinner at the Hotel Washington at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. The Hotel Washington is located at Pennsylvania Ave. and 15th St., NW

The program will feature a preview showing of excerpts from the documentary, "In Command: Women at West Point," a film by Joan Jordan.

The Minerva Center is the creation of Linda G. De Pauw, Professor of American History at The George Washington University. Professor De Pauw is also the founder, editor and publisher of the journal, Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military.

For reservation information for the reception and dinner or for more information on the Minerva Center, contact Linda G. De Pauw, (703) 892-4388.

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